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Olszowski to Bonn

The announcement that Polish Foreign Minister Olszowski will visit Bonn on 13-14 September is certain to prompt renewed speculation on Warsaw's intentions to establish diplomatic relations with West Germany. The Poles originally said that Olszowski would not make the visit until after official relations were established. A Polish trade mission representative in Bonn suggested in late August that an exchange of embassies would be announced on September 10 or 11; that the two embassies would be headed by the respective trade mission chiefs now resident in Cologne and Warsaw; and that the appointment of ambassadors would follow "eventually." A German trade mission representative in Warsaw, however, pointing out that Poland has been foot-dragging on the issue in recent weeks, thinks that relations will be established during Olszowski's visit, since the Poles "did not seem disposed to do anything before then."

At any rate, everyone seems agreed that the two countries are on the verge of "establishing relations," though possibly on paper only. Bilateral problems remain unsettled, and an exchange of ambassadors may take months, or even years. The Poles have been under some pressure from their socialist neighbors to stall on the relations issue until East Germany and Czechoslovakia normalize their relations with West Germany.

Talks between Olszowski and his German counterparts may not be totally successful. The Germans apparently are anxious to hammer out settlements to many of the issues still confronting the two countries--e.g., identification and resettlement of Poland's ethnic Germans in West Germany and compensation for victims of war crimes. Warsaw hopes, however, that the talks will focus instead on larger East-West issues, including an exchange of views on CSCE and MBFR. While the much-discussed, on-again-off-again, visit may finally materialize, it may only be sound and fury, signifying nothing.

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Bulgarian-Yugoslav Visits Indicate A Warming Trend In Relations

Talks on 31 August in Skopje between Bulgarian Secretariat member Ivan Abadzhiev and high-ranking Macedonian party leaders are the latest evidence of improving bilateral ties, and more specifically of the extent to which Bulgaria has modified its attitude toward terra irridenta of Macedonia. Abadzhiev's presence in Macedonia is de facto Bulgarian recognition of the existence of the Macedonians, something Sofia has steadfastly refused to do until now.

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Concurrent with Abadzhiev's visit, Yugoslav Federal Secretary for Foreign Trade Muhamed Hadzic began his three day visit to Sofia where he met Todor Zhivkov. Both parties appeared eager to expand and develop inter-governmental and inter-party relations.

The overlapping visits illustrate an upswing in relations that have been cool since the Czechošlovak crisis. Bulgarian-Yugoslav relations began to improve in September 1971 following Brezhnev's visit to Belgrade and a later stopover in Sofia, where he apparently asked the Bulgarians to tone down their propaganda on the subject of Macedonia.

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North Koreans Exhibit Bad Taste At Zagreb Fair

The annual fall Zagreb Fair opens today. The fair management has informally told US officials in the Croatian capital that the North Koreans (who are exhibiting for the first time) are causing a problem because of the propaganda content of their display--presumably it is anti-US. Last year, the Chinese pavillion had to be closed when Peking refused to remove anti-US and anti-Soviet material. Fair regulations prohibit unfriendly propaganda and should Pyongyang refuse to remove such material from its showing, the exhibit will suffer the same fate as that of the Chinese.

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Yugoslavs To Build Soviet Resort Hotels

Empassy Belgrade reports press stories to the effect that Yugoslav construction firms will build two resort hotels along the Black Sea. Bids will be submitted on 15 September for the construction of a 2,740 bed hotel at Yalta, and next spring plans should be firmed up for a 2,5000 bed hotel at Sochi. The contracts will include other projects which are a part of the hotel complexes.

The possibility that Yugoslavia might construct such hotels was mentioned during last April's meeting of the Yugoslav-Soviet mixed committee for economic cooperation. The subject, however, had not been mentioned again until it broke in the press. Moscow's decision to employ the Yugoslavs appears to reflect its forthcoming attitude in economic relations with the Yugoslavs, as well as a desire to capitalize on the

expertise already developed by the Yugoslav tourist industry.

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